

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended the specification to add a priority claim under 35 U.S.C § 120.

New claims 150 and 151 are fully supported by the specification, for example, on page 14, lines 17-32. Upon amendment, claims 142-151 are pending in this application. No new matter enters by amendment.

Claims 133-141 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,001,977 ("the Chang patent"). The Examiner contends that the Chang patent discloses a complete 3' LTR. Applicants traverse the rejection.

For the reasons presented in Applicants' August 1, 2003, Amendment, Chang cannot anticipate applicants' claims 142-151. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 133-141 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to convey to the skilled artisan that applicants had possession of the claimed invention at the time that the application was filed. The Examiner contends that applicants' claims do not specify any specific structure. Applicants traverse the rejection.

For the reasons presented in applicants' August 1, 2003, Amendment, applicants submit that the rejection is inapplicable to claims 142-151. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

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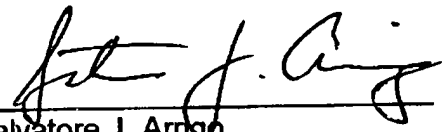
Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner disagrees, he is invited to call the undersigned to discuss any outstanding issues remaining in this application in order to expedite prosecution.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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